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Status			
<p>1)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>9 December 2011</u>. <input type="checkbox"/> A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under 37 CFR 1.130(b) was/were filed on _____.</p>			
<p>2a)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b)<input type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.</p>			
<p>3)<input type="checkbox"/> An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.</p>			
<p>4)<input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i>, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.</p>			
Disposition of Claims			
<p>5)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1,2,6-9,11,13-15,19,20,24-27,29,32,33,37-43,54-73 and 84</u> is/are pending in the application.</p>			
<p>5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.</p>			
<p>6)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.</p>			
<p>7)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1,2,6-9,11,13-15,19,20,24-27,29,32,33,37-43,54-73 and 84</u> is/are rejected.</p>			
<p>8)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.</p>			
<p>9)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.</p>			
<p>* If any claims have been determined <u>allowable</u>, you may be eligible to benefit from the Patent Prosecution Highway program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.</p>			
Application Papers			
<p>10)<input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.</p>			
<p>11)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on <u>13 September 2004</u> is/are: a)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accepted or b)<input type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).</p>			
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119			
<p>12)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</p>			
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<p>1.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</p>			
<p>2.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.</p>			
<p>3.<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</p>			
<p>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</p>			
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/9/11 has been entered.

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on 9/13/04. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 11, 13-15, 19, 20, 24-27, 29, 32, 33, 37-43, 54-73, and 84 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kalevo et al (WO 98/41025) in view of applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) for the same reasons as set forth in Section 5 of the last office action, dated 9/8/09.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 12/9/11 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant asserts on p. 12 of the Remarks that Kalevo et al fails to disclose a parameter of the filtering operation based on encoding methods. However, Fig. 5 of Kalevo et al illustrates the concept of such parameter 42 of the filtering operation 43 is determined based on the different types of encoding methods (e.g. different encoding methods using different QP and Δ).

Applicant also asserts on pages 13-14 of the Remarks that Fig. 3 of Kalevo et al fails to provide any indication at all regarding selection of the parameters on the basis of the prediction encoding method. However, as explained above, Fig. 5 of Kalevo et al illustrates that the parameters 42 are determined based on different encoding methods. It is noted applicant concedes that p. 5, line 10 through p. 6, line 14 of Kalevo et al discloses different values of QP and Δ in different encoding methods. For example, p. 4, lines 3-20 of Kalevo et al discloses that these values are applied differently to vertical and horizontal encoding methods. Furthermore, since Fig. 3 illustrates that the filtering parameters are applied within the prediction encoding loop (i.e. 11-12-14-17), one of ordinary skill in the art would have had no difficulty in recognizing that these parameters of the filtering operation are based on the types of prediction encoding methods.

Conclusion

7. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the application prior to the entry of the submission under 37 CFR 1.114 and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the

application prior to entry under 37 CFR 1.114. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action after the filing of a request for continued examination and the submission under 37 CFR 1.114. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YOUNG LEE whose telephone number is (571)272-7334. The examiner can normally be reached on (571) 272-7334.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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